

How Was Your Weekend? Past Simple

1. Look at what four people say about what they did last weekend. Do you think each person had a very good time, an OK time or a bad time?

- a I was ill. I had a bad cold.
- b We went to a music festival.
- c Some friends came to visit, so I showed them round the city.
- d Nothing much, really. I did some shopping on Saturday morning.

2. Listen to four conversations. Match the conversations (1-4) with the sentences in Exercise 3 (a-d).

3. Match these statements (a-f) with the conversations (1-4).

- a We had a picnic in the park.
- b I saw DJ Format on Saturday night. He was good.
- c I stayed in bed all weekend.
- d I cooked lunch for everyone.
- e I played tennis, watched TV ... the usual things.
- f I needed to relax.

4. Read the conversation

A: Did you have a good weekend?

B: Yeah, it was **great**.

A: What did you do?

B: Well, on Saturday morning I **went to the gym**. Then I **met some friends for lunch** and in the evening, I **went to a party**.

A: That sounds **fun**.

B: Yeah, it was. Then on Sunday I **just slept in** and then **watched TV**. Oh, and I **did my homework** too.

A: Oh, nice!

B: What about you? What did you do?

5. Change the words in **bold**. Then practise your new conversation with your partner. Exchange roles and repeat.

Activities:

- do nothing
- visit a relative
- do the laundry
- scroll social media
- go shopping for clothes
- do home repairs
- go on a short trip
- read a book
- relax at home
- clean the house
- go for a walk

6.

Complete the conversations with the past simple form of the verbs.

- 1 A: What _____ (you / do) yesterday?
 B: Nothing much. I just _____ (stay) at home. What about you?
 A: I _____ (spend) the morning tidying the house. And some friends _____ (visit) in the afternoon.
- 2 A: How was shopping? _____ (you / get) anything nice?
 B: Yeah, I _____ (get) a new top. And I also _____ (buy) a couple of books.
- 3 A: _____ (you / have) a nice weekend?
 B: Yeah. It _____ (be) my birthday actually, so we _____ (go) out for dinner.
 A: Where _____ (you / go)?
 B: Gambino's. That new Italian place on the High Street. It _____ (open) just a few weeks ago.
 A: Ah, I _____ (hear) about that place. _____ (it / be) expensive? A friend _____ (tell) me it is.
 B: Yeah, it's pretty expensive. But my friends _____ (pay), so I'm not sure how much it all _____ (cost). The food _____ (be) great though.

THE SIMPLE PAST

Affirmative Statements (All Verbs Except Be)		
Subject	Verb	
I	stayed	home.
We	went	

Affirmative Statements with Be		
Subject	Verb	
I	was	at home.
We	were	

Negative Statements (All Verbs Except Be)			
Subject	Did not (Didn't)	Base Form of Verb	
I	did not didn't	stay go	with them.
We			

Negative Statements with Be		
Subject	Verb	
I	was not wasn't	at work.
We	were not weren't	

Yes/No Questions (All Verbs Except Be)		
Did	Subject	Base Form of Verb
Did	she	leave?
	they	

Yes/No Questions with Be		
Was/Were	Subject	
Was	he	home last night?
Were	they	

Wh- Questions (All Verbs Except Be)			
Wh- Word	Did	Subject	Base Form of Verb
When	did	you	arrive?
Where		he	work?
How		it	begin?
Why		he	leave?
Who(m)		they	help?

Wh- Questions with Be			
Wh- Word	Past Form	Subject	
When	was	she	there?
Where		he	from?
How	were	his	tests?
Why		you	late?
Who(m)		they	with?

Wh- Questions About the Subject (All Verbs Except Be)		
Wh- Word	Past Form	
Who	walked	to the station?
What	happened	to him?
How many people	waited	there?

Wh- Questions About the Subject with Be		
Wh- Word	Past Form	
Who	was	his friend?
What		his last name?
How many people	were	there?

7. Complete this paragraph about the man who started eBay. Use the simple past forms of the given verbs.

Pierre Omidyar _____ (be) born in Paris, France. His parents _____ (be) from Iran. His mother _____ (be) a professor, and his father _____ (practice) medicine. His family _____ (move) to the United States when Omidyar _____ (turn) six. In college, he in _____ (major) in computer science. At age twenty-eight, Omidyar _____ (write) computer code for a company that he called eBay. The company _____ (become) extremely successful, and Omidyar _____ (make) a lot of money. In 2004, Omidyar _____ (start) the Omidyar Foundation. In 2005, Omidyar and his wife _____ (give) \$100 million to the foundation. The money helps poor people in developing countries. In 2010, Omidyar _____ (join) forty billionaires. They all _____ (promise) to give away at least half of their money before they die.

8. When you think of basketball, do you think of Michael Jordan, LeBron James, Shaquille O'Neal... or Dr. James Naismith? Dr. Naismith? Who was he? What did he do for basketball?

James Naismith was born in Ontario, Canada (1), in 1861 (2). He was a good athlete and a good student. He always loved school (3).
Dr. Naismith earned four (4) degrees, including one in medicine. But his biggest contribution to the world did not come from his work as a medical doctor.
In the winter of 1891 (5), he worked as a gym instructor in Massachusetts. His students were active and hard to control (6). He wanted them to play an indoor sport because it was too cold to play outdoors (7). He invented the game of basketball. It became an instant success in the United States. Soon basketball (8) spread to other countries.

1. *Where was James Naismith born?*
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

9 Write simple past yes/ no questions about James Naismith. Use the correct forms of the given words. Then write short answers.

1. (be / he good at sports) Q: Was he good at sports? A: Yes, he was.
2. (be / he a good student)
Q: _____
A: _____
3. (he / finish college)
Q: _____
A: _____
4. (he / become a lawyer)
Q: _____
A: _____
5. (he / invent the game of volleyball)
Q: _____
A: _____

IRREGULAR VERBS

Verb	Past simple	Past participle	Verb	Past simple	Past participle
be	was/were	been	lose	lost	lost
become	became	become	make	made	made
begin	began	begun	mean	meant	meant
break	broke	broken	pay	paid	paid
bring	brought	brought	put	put	put
build	built	built	read	read	read
burn	burnt	burnt	ride	rode	ridden
buy	bought	bought	ring	rang	rung
catch	caught	caught	run	ran	run
come	came	come	say	said	said
cost	cost	cost	see	saw	seen
cut	cut	cut	sell	sold	sold
dig	dug	dug	send	sent	sent
do	did	done	set	set	set
draw	drew	drawn	sing	sang	sung
drink	drank	drunk	sink	sank	sunk
drive	drove	driven	sit	sat	sat
eat	ate	eaten	smell	smelt	smelt
fall	fell	fallen	speak	spoke	spoken
feel	felt	felt	spell	spelt	spelt
fight	fought	fought	spend	spent	spent
find	found	found	stand	stood	stood
fly	flew	flown	steal	stole	stolen
get	got	got	stick	stuck	stuck
give	gave	given	sweep	swept	swept
go	went	gone	swim	swam	swum
grow	grew	grown	take	took	taken
have	had	had	teach	taught	taught
hear	heard	heard	tear	tore	torn
hide	hid	hidden	tell	told	told
hit	hit	hit	think	thought	thought
hold	held	held	throw	threw	thrown
hurt	hurt	hurt	understand	understood	understood
keep	kept	kept	wake	woke	woken
know	knew	known	wear	wore	worn
learn	learnt	learnt	win	won	won
leave	left	left	write	wrote	written
lie	lay	lain			